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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU FOMIN, VICTOR MARIA, VISITS NIGERIA

SUMMARY: GUINEA-BISSAU FOMIN VICTOR MARIA MAKES NIGERIA
FIRST STOP IN QUEST FOR FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE,
BUT NO ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE ON NIGERIAN RESPONSE. END SUMMARY

1. GUINEA-BISSAU FOMIN VICTOR MARIA PAID FIVE-DAY OFFICIAL
VISIT TO LAGOS (NOV. 18-23) TO SEEK FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL
ASSISTANCE FOR HIS COUNTRY. UPON HIS ARRIVAL, MARIA SAID
THAT NIGERIA WAS FIRST AFRICAN COUNTRY BEING VISITED BY HIS
DELEGATION BECAUSE OF HER IMPORTANCE IN AFRICA AND SUBSTANTIAL
AID GIVEN DURING WAR OF LIBERATION.

2. WHILE IN NIGERIA, MARIA HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH GOWON AND
MEA OFFICIALS INCLUDING COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
ARIKPO. DURING HIS TALKS WITH GOWON, MARIA DELIVERED MESSAGE
FROM PRESIDENT LOUIS CABRAL. HE LATER TOLD REPORTERS THAT
DISCUSSIONS, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS SUCCESSFUL AND ENCOURAGING,
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REVOLVED AROUND GUINEA-BISSAU'S URGENT NEED FOR SKILLED MAN-

POWER INCLUDING DOCTORS AND TEACHERS. HE ALSO APPEALED TO OTHER AFRICAN STATES FOR ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING NEW NATION OF GUINEA-BISSAU.

3. AT HIS PREDEPARTURE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE, MARIA SAID HIS COUNTRY WOULD BE SELECTIVE IN ACCEPTING FOREIGN AID SINCE IT DID NOT WISH TO COMPROMISE ITS INDEPENDENCE AND WANTED TO INSURE THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE WAS COMPATIBLE WITH ASPIRATIONS OF PEOPLE OF GUINEA-BISSAU. IN LINE WITH THIS VIEW, HE SAID THAT MANY OFFERS FOR HELP MADE BY PORTUGAL AND NATO COUNTRIES WERE BEING CAREFULLY STUDIED. ACCORDING TO PRESS, MARIS'S NEXT STOP WAS MOROCCO.

4. COMMENT: NO ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE EITHER BY FMG OR MARIA ON TYPE OF ASSISTANCE NIGERIA PREPARED TO GIVE FLEDGLING STATE OF GUINEA-BISSAU. THE FMG, IN KEEPING WITH ITS ROLE OF ASSISTING OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHERE POSSIBLE, PRESUMABLY HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO MEET SOME OF MARIA'S REQUESTS. WHETHER AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON EXTENT OF NIGERIAN AID WILL BE FORTHCOMING REMAINS TO BE SEEN SINCE FMG DOES NOT USUALLY PUBLICIZE ITS FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS. WHILE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT ANOTHER CASH CONTRIBUTION MAY BE IN OFFING (FMG DONATED \$750,000 TO GUINEA-BISSAU IN 1973 FOR BUILDING OF ADMINISTRATIVE INSTITUTIONS (LAGOS 9833), FMG MAY OPT MERELY TO SEND TECHNICIANS (I.E. DOCTORS OR TEACHERS) OR PROVIDE TRAINING FACILITIES FOR GUINEA-BISSAUANS IN NIGERIA.
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